Box No. VIII (iii) DECLARATION: ENTITLEMENT TO CLAIM PRIORITY

The declaration must conform to the standardized wording provided for in Section 213; see Notes to Boxes Nos. VIII, VIII (i) to (v) (in general) and the specific Notes to Box No. VIII (iii). If this Box is not used, this sheet should not be included in the request.

Declaration as to the applicant's entitlement, as at the international filing date, to claim the priority of the earlier application specified below, where the applicant is not the applicant who filed the earlier application or where the applicant's name has changed since the filing of the earlier application (Rules 4.17(iii) and 51 bis.1(a)(iii)):

In relation to this International Application,

INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS MACHINES CORPORATION is entitled to claim priority of earlier application 10/709,113 filed in the United States of America by virtue of the following:

An Assignment from GEISS, Peter J., to INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS MACHINES CORPORATION, dated 06 APRIL 2004 (06/04/2004);

an Assignment from JOSEPH, Alvin J., to INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS MACHINES CORPORATION, dated 14 APRIL 2004 (14/04/2004);

an Assignment from LIU, Qizhi, to INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS MACHINES CORPORATION, dated 05 APRIL 2004 (05/04/2004);

an Assignment from ORNER, Bradley A., to INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS MACHINES CORPORATION, dated 13 APRIL 2004 (13/04/2004)

this declaration is made for the purposes of all designations.